

would obtain, he added, by acknowledging him as their head chief.<sup>1</sup>

1671.

Mr. de St. Lusson then spoke briefly, closing his remarks by asking whether all consented to what had just been proposed? As he had spoken in French, Father Allouez repeated in Algonquin what he had just said, and all at first replied by presents, and then by loud cries of "*Long live the king.*" Then the Commissary made Perrot dig two holes in the ground, and plant in one a great cedar post, and in the other a cross of the same material, the French meanwhile singing the *Vexilla*. The arms of France were then set up on the post and cross, and the *Exaudiat* intoned. This done, Mr. de St. Lusson declared by the mouth of Father Allouez that he put the whole country in the king's hand, and all the inhabitants under his majesty's protection.<sup>2</sup>

The delegates all cried out that they would have no other Father than the great Ononthio of the French, and the subdelegate, after showing them great attention, assured them that that prince would never allow them to want any thing as long as they maintained the fidelity they had just promised him. The whole concluded with the *Te Deum*, preceded and followed by several volleys of musketry, to which there is no doubt they added according to custom a great banquet.<sup>3</sup>

St. Lusson, immediately before repairing to Sault St. Mary, had by Mr. Talon's orders made a tour to the south-

<sup>1</sup> The act of taking possession was June 4, 1671. Perrot gives it erroneously as 1669, p. 127. See the Procès Verbal and Tailhan's discussion: *Ib.*, pp. 292-5.

<sup>2</sup> Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1671, p. 26. The setting up the arms preceded all the addresses.

<sup>3</sup> Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1671, p. 28; Talon to Colbert, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 72. De la Potherie,

Histoire de l'Amérique Sept., ii., p. 129, says that a Procès Verbal was drawn up and signed by all the nations. But these signatures do not appear in the copy given by Tailhan in his edition of Perrot, p. 292. The arms were pulled down almost immediately after the departure of the French: De la Potherie, ii., p. 130. Talon carried the Procès Verbal to France: N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 72.